

Amendments to the Specification:

After the title and before paragraph 1, lines 1-7, insert the following new paragraph:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/998,239, filed December 3, 2001, now allowed, which claims the benefit and priority of Provisional U.S. Application Serial No. 60/250,352 filed on December 1, 2000, and of Provisional U.S. Application Serial No. 60/284,526, filed April 19, 2001, the full disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 20-21 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 7A is a schematic view of the guiding and support member of Fig. 4 secured to a support surface;

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, lines 1-14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The foot 15 includes a passageway 18 having two ends for receiving a fastening member 19 such as a nail, screw or similar member. The fastening member 19 is driven or otherwise advanced into the support surface 200 for securing the guide to the support surface. The passageway 18 permits the fastening member 19 to be introduced and secured into the support surface 200 from either end so that the guide can assume the position shown in either Figs. 1, 2 or Fig. 7A. Additionally, the passageway permits a screw to be used to secure the guide 10 to an additional attachment element such as a known beam clamp or a ceiling wire holder. The passageway 18 can be preformed in the guide 10 so that the angle of attack of the fastening member 19 is established. This may assist the installer when he is securing the guides 10 to the support 200. In an alternative embodiment shown in Fig. 6, the guide 10 does not include a passageway. Instead, a drill can be used to make an initial pilot (starting) hole or a through

passageway that is smaller in diameter than the member 19 in the foot 15. However, by not including the passageway 18, the installer can introduce the fastening member 19 into the guide at any angle. This may offer the installer more installation possibilities.

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 5-13 with the following rewritten paragraph:

When the side surfaces 14 include two or more feet, each foot can include an opening to the passageway 18 for receiving the fastening member 19. In one embodiment, the first foot 15 and a second foot 16 extend along the side surfaces 14 of the guide 10. At least one of these feet 15, 16 contacts and is secured to one or more support surfaces 200 as shown in Fig. 7A. It is also possible that both feet 15, 16 contact a support surface 200 and that at least one of the feet is secured to one of the support surfaces by member 19. Other ways of securing the guide 10 could also be used. For example, a tie wrap(s) or strap(s) could be passed through an opening(s) in the guide 10 and then secured to the support structure(s) as discussed below with respect to Figs. 8-10.

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 14-23 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In one embodiment, shown in Fig. 7B, the tie wrap 75 could extend through passageway 18 and take the place of fastening member 19. In such an embodiment, the tie wrap could extend around or through the support 200. The feet 15, 16 extend at an angle to each other that permits the guide 10 to be positioned on any support surface 200 and in multiple orientations such as those shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 7A. As a result, the feet 15, 16 allow the guide 10 to be oriented as needed so that it can be used on any support surface and at different orientations as shown in Figs. 7A and 7B. In a preferred embodiment, the angle between the feet 15, 16 is about ninety

degrees. As shown in Fig. 5A, each foot 15, 16 includes a flat, outer surface 17 that forms one of the side surfaces 14 of the guide 10. Alternatively, the surfaces 17 could be rounded or otherwise contoured to mate with its support surface 200 as shown in Fig. 5B.